

At Oakland U.

Workshops cover fitness, sewing, robots

Oakland University, near Rochester, will offer fitness/health maintenance programs, a sewing seminar, accounting classes and robotics workshops this spring.

A fitness program will be 7:15-8:15 a.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Lepley Sports Center on campus. It began Tuesday and runs through Monday, June 6.

The program combines music, calisthenics and aerobics. Cost is \$20 per person. For information, call Sally Peters or Diane Keiser, 377-3198.

Other programs are:

• Fine art of sewing offered by the Division of Continuing Education — 9 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Avon Township campus. A total of 20 separate workshops will be offered on subjects including special techniques for sewing lingerie, Seminole strip quilting and fabric fusing. Fashion sewing on ultra suede, silks and fine polyesters and sewing for the home also be taught.

Registration is open for the seminar, which includes an optional luncheon, fashion forecast by Detroit fashion editor Linnea Lannon and displays of the

latest sewing equipment and fabrics. Fee for the seminar is \$17 and \$5.25 for the luncheon. Registration information is available by calling 377-3120.

• Preparing certified public accountants for recalculation — Friday-Sunday, May 20-22 on campus. Updates in application of microcomputers and word processing equipment, economic forecasting, retirement funding, performance appraisal, bankruptcy will be discussed.

A second CPA program will be offered Friday-Sunday, June 10-12. Tuition is \$15 per class plus \$15 registration fee. Registration information is available by calling 377-3120.

Robotics workshop — Sunday, May 22 through Wednesday, May 25. Sponsored by the School of Engineering and Computer Science, the workshop will be in Meadow Brook Hall. The program is designed for engineers and scientists with a bachelor's degree. Topics include robot languages, vision, assembly, control and computer interface. Enrollment fee includes lodging for three nights at the hall, meals, tuition and course materials. To enroll, call 377-2200.

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natural gas by one of its pipeline suppliers, Odlevak said.

The company has also negotiated with its suppliers to modify "minimum bill" clauses in contracts. Such modifications will reduce the company's obligations to pay for gas its customers do not use.

The company is supporting in principle a bill proposed in the U.S. House of Representatives that would allow pipeline companies having contracts with foreign suppliers to terminate those agreements, he said.

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Price cut to drop gas bills \$15 next winter

R.J. Odlevak, Consumers Power Co. vice president for fuel supply, said he is pleased with a proposal by one of the company's suppliers to reduce wholesale natural gas costs.

Such a reduction — if approved by the federal government — will result in savings for Consumers Power's gas customers, he said.

Consumers Power estimates that, if the plan is approved, a typical residential gas space-heating customer's heating expense next winter should be about \$15 less than would have been

the case without Panhandle Eastern's reduction.

HIS STATEMENT follows the announcement by Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Co. that it will request approval next week to reduce its wholesale price for gas 11 percent.

Panhandle Eastern, which provides 20 percent of Consumers Power's gas, will submit its rate-reduction plan to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on Friday. Details of the plan have not yet been made public.

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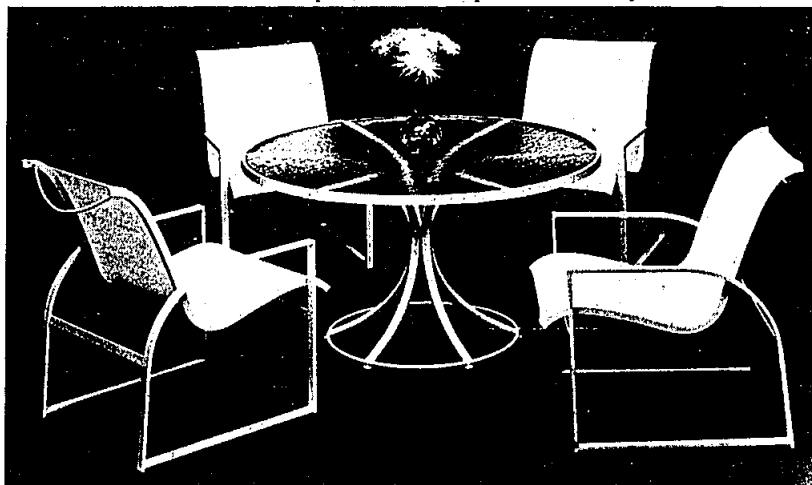
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